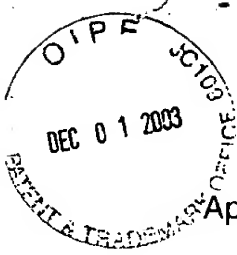


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Application No.: 09/871,324
Filing Date: May 31, 2001
Applicant: Wnek et al
Group Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: Jonathan Johnson
Title: ANTI-SLIDE SPLICE WELDER
Attorney Docket: 4348-000119/DVA

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
- OFFICE ACTION NOT RECEIVED**

Sir:

1. I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received.
2. I hereby state:
 - (a) The Office Action indicated, as mailed on April 18, 2003 was not received.
 - (b) A search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.
3. I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed.
4. X As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach:
 Copies of records that would disclose the receipt of other
 correspondence mailed from the PTO on or about the mail date of the
non-received Office Action that fail to disclose the receipt of the Office
Action mailed on that date.

- ____ Copies of records on which the Office Action would have been entered had it been received.
- ____ Statements from the person(s) who would have handled the Office Action had it been received.
- X Other: Copy of the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) and Power of Attorney changing the correspondence address to Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., which was filed with the USPTO on January 13, 2003; Copy of returned stamped postcard.

5. In discussing the non-received Office Action with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that the Office Action was mistakenly sent to the prior law firm and that the change of correspondence address dated January 13, 2003 had apparently not been processed.
6. In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.
7. The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) - \$130.00) is paid as follows
- X Attached is a X check _____ money order in the amount of \$130
- ____ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$__ to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.
- X Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Nov. 25, 2003

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